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Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, line 26, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

The use of PCBs, another highly toxic substance, has been banned but most of them are stockpiled in the absence of an effective and safe way of disposal. The production of volatile organic fluorides have suspended since they cause ozone depletion but even today they are used in large quantities. In spite of these difficulties, halogenated organic compounds have useful characteristics; for example, chlorofluorocarbon are used as coolants, fire retardants and detergents whereas chlorinated compounds such as ~~trichloethylenetrichloroethylene~~, methylene chloride and tetrachloroethylene are used as detergents; most pharmaceuticals, agrichemicals ~~pieces that can be easily discharged into the receptacle pot. For commercial application of the present invention, a continuous reaction must be performed consistently and the agitating/moving device mounted in the reaction column not only prevents the growth of the solidified mass but also allows for easy discharge of calcium chloride, thereby enabling consistent and continuous treatment of organic halides. The present inventors found this fact when they were making experiments in connection with Japanese Patent Application No. 46800/1999 and the reaction column equipped with the agitating/moving device allowed for effective and continuous treatment of the feedstock and insecticides contain chlorine.~~